

THE DAILY EMPIRE.

Incredulity Personified.

The Boston Advertiser tells this story of an incredulous old hardheaded down in Dukes county:

There is living in Martha's Vineyard an old man who has never been off the island, and the extent of his knowledge is bounded by the confines of his home. He has been told of a war between the North and South, but as he has never heard the din of a battle nor seen any soldier, he considers it a hoax. He is utterly unable to read, and is ignorant to the last degree. An excellent story is told of his first and only day at school. He was quite a lad when a lady came to the district where his father resided to teach school.

He was sent, and as the teacher was classifying the school he was called up in turn and interrogated as to his former studies. Of course he had to say that he never had been school, and knew none of his letters. The school mistress gave him a seat on one side until she had finished the preliminary examination of the scholars. She then called him to her and drew on the blackboard the letter A, told him what it was, and wished him to remember how it looked. He looked at it a moment, and then inquired (the stammered):

"H-h-how do you know it's A?"

The teacher replied that when she was a girl she had been to school to an old gentleman, who told her so.

This was almost a stunner, but the teacher suddenly recollects that he had told her that when a boy he had been to school to a lady who taught him that it was A.

The boy eyed the letter a little longer, when he burst out with "H-h-how did he know?"

The teacher could not get over this obstacle, and the poor boy was sent home as incapable.

Strong Divorce Case.

In the Strong divorce case, one of the witnesses testifies as follows with reference to Mrs. Strong, the defendant, and her paramour, Edward Strong:

"She was a professor of religion, a member of a church, and a teacher in a Sunday school; Edward was also a teacher in a Sunday school; they both went there on Sunday morning a little before 9 o'clock; the family went to church at 10 o'clock; Edward was a deacon in the Dutch Reformed church."

By her own confession, "this member of a church and a teacher in a Sabbath school" for eighteen months lived in guilt with Edward Strong, her husband's brother also a deacon and a Sunday school teacher; and a little later she destroyed the life of her unborn babe, because she did not know whether it owed its paternity to her husband or his brother.

In the Harris divorce case, in Connecticut, all the parties were church members; and in the developments produced on the trial, the public will recollect one in which, immediately after prayers and with the bible in his hands, Harris proceeded to brutally chastise with blows his wife in the presence of their children.

We submit that this state of things calls for the interference of the Reverend Mr. Hatfield, of this city. The stage has never produced anything half so disgusting as these features cited from the Strong and Harris divorce cases.—*Chicago Times*.

The Texas Cotton Crop.

The Boston Journal says that a letter from Galveston, Texas, states that the cotton from that port this year will be at least 200,000 bales, which is about one-half the aggregated export from the State. The same letter states that much of this cotton is paid for in gold, and mentions the extraordinary influx of gold into the State. The value of this Texas cotton, computed at 400,000 bales, at forty cents per pound, would be \$8,000,000, or equivalent to 1,500,000 bales at the prices of 1859. If allowance is made for the wheat, corn, wool, hides, growth of stock and other products, Texas will probably have given this year a greater product in value, in proportion to population, than any other State in the Union.

Business in New York.

The Journal of Commerce says: If any one desires to see a busy city he can find it here. The retail stores are crowded with customers, and the most expensive articles find ready and rapid sales. There seems to be a mania for spending money, and nothing is too extravagant for the tastes and purses of the citizens of New York. These remarks apply not only to the luxuries of life, but to the necessities as well. The increase in prices does not operate to check sales, either in articles of food, clothing or ornaments. The manufacturers of furniture are pressed to their utmost ability to meet their orders.

The importers of rare and costly works of art are not able to supply the demand. The carpet stores have been reduced to the lowest stocks, and could not open goods with sufficient rapidity to supply their customers. It is certain that New York never knew such prices as have been paid this fall, and we only echo what we hear from all the retail dealers in saying that there was never such a busy season. There is something to think of in this state of affairs. It is not always an evidence of prosperity when such extravagance is visible. We state the facts and leave the reader to draw the moral.

The Dayton Empire.

This enterprising journal, after a suspension of a few days, has reappeared. In a new and it must be owned a very comely dress. H. H. Robinson is chief, and D. G. Fitch assistant editor; and Mr. Robinson, at least, is a Democrat of the most rabid and uncompromising description. Of his associate we can not speak, but presume that he "sympathizes." The remembrance of some pretty warm sparring with the Empire in other days does not prevent us from testifying to the improvement in its external appearance.—*Springfield (O.) News of Republic*.

General Grant's pay as Lieutenant-General amounts to \$3,240 per annum. With a house in Galena, one in Philadelphia, and another in Washington, we do not see how he manages to make both ends meet, especially when we remember that eggs are forty-five cents a dozen, and butter about sixty cents a pound.

A WIDOW GETS A VERDICT OF \$10,700.

At the late term of the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County, Pennsylvania, a widow named Baily sued the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for damages for the loss of her husband, alleging carelessness on the part of the railroad employes.

Returns from Southern Colorado, not official, render it morally certain that William Gilpin is elected Governor, and George M. Chilcott member of Congress.

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